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#### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 9, 2007. This response is timely filed.

#### Restriction Requirement

In the restriction requirement, the examiner required the election of one of the following allegedly patentably distinct inventions:

Claims 1-12, drawn to methods of monitoring gastric emptying, Group I: diagnosing a gastric emptying disorder and diagnosing gastroparesis in a mammal;